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PARTICULAR DATA USED IN MEMORY DEVICE TESTING**

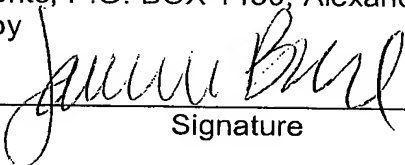
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

Please amend the application as follows.

The amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.